

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, December 27, 1924

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking About at the County Hub**

### START REVIVAL MEETING

**Fell and Broke Arm—Died in Florida—Dislocated Elbow—Loses End of Finger.**

Directors of the New York, Ontario & Western Railway declared a dividend of \$1 a share on the stock at Tuesday's meeting.

H. W. Stickle of Fallsburgh has opened a market on Bridge street, where Platt Harby formerly conducted a meat business.

Tuesday evening, December 27th, is the date for the annual New Year's ball of Company F. Carl's Vocalian orchestra of Binghamton will furnish the music for the occasion.

John D. Smith, sheriff-elect, will assume the duties of that office January first, and will remove from Walton to Delhi. Mr. Smith has. reappointed Lynn J. Stewart, of Roxbury as under sheriff.

The Delaware County Tuberculosis and Public health committee reports to date a lead of \$400 on the 1923 campaign at the same period. In 1924 their aim is \$5,000. Now is the time to health stamp your Christmas.

Dr. Gould operated upon Mrs. E. Mauterstock Sunday for the removal of the end of the ring finger of her right hand. The member became infected some time ago, while Mrs. Mauterstock was visiting in Connecticut and a gangrenous condition followed.

Miss Sarah Orr, who has rooms in Mrs. Walter Terry's house, East street, caught her heel on a rug and fell Friday, sustaining a fracture of her right arm at the wrist. Dr. Morrow reduced the fracture. Miss Orr is just recovering from an illness with jaundice.

Mrs. Harriet Fitch, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Cranston, in Kingston, will celebrate her eighty-fifth birthday on Saturday, Dec. 27. Her sons, Roderick and George S. Fitch of Walton, and Prof. Edward Fitch of Clinton will pass the day with her in Kingston.

William Smalley of Cooperstown, who now controls a chain of theatres in central New York, several of which are in this section, has taken a lease with an option to purchase the Strand theatre at Mohawk and will conduct the same at once. Mr. Smalley owns the Majestic theatre in Walton and leases Walton hall of the village.

Dorothy Speed, daughter of Thomas Speed of Cleaver, had her right elbow dislocated in a runaway accident Sunday. She was riding in a wagon with several other persons when the horse ran away and she-jumped from the vehicle. The others in the party were not injured. Dr. W. G. Smith was called in attendance.

Saturday evening about seven o'clock an alarm of fire was sent in from St. John street to which the department responded. A neighbor had seen flames coming from the chimney of a house occupied by a family named Smith but on arrival of the trucks no fire could be seen. An investigation was made of the house and there was no need of help as the entire chimney was cool.

Fred B. Lyon of North street received a message last Thursday, Dec. 18, announcing the death of his nephew, Thomas Martin, in St. Petersburg, Florida, that morning. No particulars have been received. Thomas was 22 years of age. His twin brother, Robert, died about a year ago. He is survived by his

mother, Mrs. J. Curtis Martin, and a brother, Richard Martin, living in St. Petersburg.

Sunday, Dec. 21, was the shortest day of 1924, the date on which the sun reaches its furthest southern point and starts on its return journey north. The days will remain practically the same length for a week. At the end of the week one minute will be added to each day. There is a popular belief that as the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen and that real winter does not set in until the sun starts northward.

At the close of the hearing held Saturday before Police Justice J. M. Peake Clarence Buchanan of Deposit was held in \$200 bail, to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of sending threatening and annoying letters to Grace Nichols of Gardiner Place. In default of bail he was committed to the county jail in Delhi. It is alleged that Buchanan sent a type-written letter to the young woman and signed the name of Captain D. E. Fox of Troop C. to the epistle.

Evangelist T. LeRoy Muir of Andes, New York, well known Delaware county evangelist, will conduct a series of meetings at Alliance hall during the month of January. The services will start on Tuesday evening, January 6, and continue every night but Monday for several weeks. Mr. Muir recently closed a series of meetings in the Stamford Baptist church with the co-operation of the Methodists and Presbyterians and the crowds were so large that many were compelled to stand. These services will, be interdenominational in character and, will, be open to the entire village of Walton and vicinity.

### FINED \$50 FOR ASSAULT

**Jail Sentence on Edward Constable Suspended.**

Edward Constable, Bainbridge farmer, whose trial at the December term of Chenango county court in Norwich, upon a charge of first degree assault committed upon a neighboring farmer, Frank Walker, with a pitchfork, ended in a verdict of third degree assault and recommendation for clemency, was on Monday sentenced by Special County Judge Nelson P. Boney, who heard the case, to three months in the county jail and a fine of \$50. The fine was paid and the jail sentence was suspended during good behavior.

The alleged assault was committed last April and grew out of the practice of motorists of driving on Constable's yard when mired in the mudholes in the road. Constable, a former Deposit man, lives on the Sidney-Bainbridge road on the south side of the Susquehanna river, a mile or two from Sidney village.

Hon. L. F. Raymond of Franklin and Vernon D. Stratton, who defended Constable, were both present when sentence was passed.

### TAKE SCHRADER WEST ON MURDER CHARGE

**Former Deposit Man Escaped. From Insane Asylum After Convictions**

Wallace R. Schrader, handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff Myrick of Everett, Washington, left Binghamton Thursday night at 9 o'clock on the long trip back to the scene of the prisoner's alleged double murder. Following a quick trip to Albany to get official signatures on the extradition paper, the deputy appeared before Sheriff Harry Scudder to claim his prisoner.

Deputy Merrick did not see Gov. Alfred E. Smith, as the latter was in New York, but the executive's secretary got in touch with him on the telephone and signed the papers.

Merrick took this step despite the statement of Schrader that he would waive extradition papers on

the advice of Sheriff James McCullough of Everett. McCullough thought it best to make sure there would be no hitch in the return of Schrader for sentence on a charge of murder, second degree.

Schrader said he was perfectly willing to return, as he knows of no reason why the western authorities want him now. He claims he was discharged from a hospital there in 1917, but Merrick declares he escaped from an insane hospital, from which he was to be returned for sentence. The defendant stands accused of murdering a watchman in the mill where he was employed and then turning a gun on his wife, Anna Schrader, a former Deposit girl. Schrader formerly lived at Cannonsville and Deposit, going west some ten years ago.

### OQUAGA LAKE GOLF COURSE

**Reported that Millionaire Will Expend \$25,000.**

(From Deposit correspondent.) We have been reliably informed that E. W. Zentgraph, a millionaire manufacturer of New York city, who owns several farms at Oquaga Lake, said that if Calvin Coolidge was elected president of United States he would build a \$25,000 golf course at Oquaga Lake on his own ground at his own expense. It will require one year to build it and will not be opened until 1926. He intends to employ local help, which will mean much to the workmen in this locality.

### SPARK GAUSES FIRE THAT DESTROYS BARN

**Building on Downsville Fa Burns Sunday**

### 34 COWS ARE RESCUED

**Loss Will Greatly Exceed \$2,300 Insurance Carried on Barn and Contents.**

The large barn on the farm of mer Aikens, located about a mile Downsville, was destroyed Sunday morning. The farm is known as the Archie Campbell place.

Mr. Aiken's son, Kenneth, was charging the batteries of the electric light plant in the barn when a spark set fire to the oil on the concrete floor. He at once went to the house for his father and after much work they nearly had the flames out, but they spread to more gasoline and oil and the men then turned their efforts to-saving the stock.

There were thirty-four cows in the barn and all were rescued but one animal was so badly burned that she had to be killed. In the barn were about seventy tons of hay which were destroyed. A hay loader was burned but most of the other machinery was saved. There were two silos attached to the barn, both of which were ruined although the base of one remains.

Sparks set fire to the roof of the wagon house, but fortunately the wind was blowing in the opposite direction and the building was saved. There were several hen houses and other small buildings near which also- were saved.

Mr. Aikens had \$2,300 insurance on the barn and contents. At present costs of construction his loss is at least \$5,000 more than the insurance. Mr. Aikens will not rebuild at present.

### CHRISTMAS MAIL HEAVY.

The mail handled at the Walton postoffice this year was the largest during any Christmas season, it is stated. Postmaster Dickerman and the postoffice force kept right up with the work and parcel post packages were in most cases delivered the day received or if they arrived on the: night mail during the next forenoon. The stamp sales exceeded those of last year. The number of postcards mailed at the Walton postoffice was unusually large and merchants hand-ling this line report a greater demand than

ever before for Christmas greet-ihg cards.

### FIRE DAMAGES TRUCK

**Gas Ignited by Overflow on Hot Exhaust Pipe.**

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Last Wednesday Edison Webster, who lives near Kelsey, drove his Reo truck to Hancock and stopped at Fox's garage for gas, letting the engine run. The tank is located just back of the engine and as they tried, to put more gas in the tank than it would hold the surplus' run down on the hot exhaust and ignited, setting fire to the cab. The blaze was put out with the chemical preparation the machine was equipped with. The truck was insured and the damage was estimated at \$150.

### DIES FROM APPENDICITIS

**Attorney Walter Armstrong Stricken in Prime of Youth.**

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Attorney Walter; E. Armstrong of Vestal, Broome county, died Friday morning, Dec. 19, at the Humphrey hospital in Union, where he was taken the Monday night previous aged 28 years. The cause of his death was appendicitis.

The body was taken to the home, of his sister, Mrs. Ezra Zorn at Owego, where the funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Mr. Armstrong was the son of Rev. O. H. Armstrong, a former pastor of the Cannonsville M. E. church, and was well known here. He is survived by his wife, and two children, and by his parents and the sister mentioned.

### FORGED RELATIVES' NAMES

**Charge Lodged Against Delhi Young Man.**

Floyd Bouten of Delhi is at liberty under \$300 bail, following his arrest by Corporal Miller and Trooper Metcalf of the state police, charged with forgery in the second degree. Bouten is accused of forging the name of his father to three checks and the name of his uncle to another.

He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace John Bramley, waived examination and was held for the grand jury. When taken before County Judge McNaught, bail was set at \$300 which was furnished by his father and, uncle, whose checks he is alleged to have forged.

### THREATENED TO KILL WIFE

**Oquaga Lake Man Given Thirty Days in Jail.**

(From Deposit correspondent.)

Mrs. Charles Horton of Oquaga Lake, who came before Judge Flower Friday evening, gave on information charging her husband, Charles Horton, with being drunk for three days-and threatening to blow her head off with a gun, pulling her hair and-breaking up furniture and running a rough house generally. Officers Axtell and Shapley arrested Horton and brought him into court the next morning. The prisoner entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to thirty days in Broome county jail.

### WERE FOND OF DUCKS

**Thieves Help Themselves to Fleischmanns Poultry.**

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.)

Miss L. Meyers, who, with her mother, resides on the Robinson farm on the Brush ridge road, had the misfortune recently to have her poultry yard raided by sneak thieves who carried away all her ducks and several chickens. Miss

Meyers has enlisted the aid of state troopers and hopes to find where the guilty parties are located and to bring them to justice. Hillis Judd is another victim of night raids in his poultry house.

### WIFE CAUSES MAN'S ARREST.

(From East Branch correspondent.)

On Monday Albert Perry of Peakville was brought before Justice Mallory Of East Branch on charges of assault preferred by his wife.

### HAND CAUGHT IN WRINGER

**Stamford Woman Injured While on Visit.**

(From Stamford, correspondent.)

Mrs. G. F. Warren of Stamford recently met with a serious accident at the home of her uncle, A. G. Brown, at Island Lake, Michigan, where, she is staying with her husband and daughter. Mrs. Warren caught her hand in. an electric wringer and the emergency stop failing to work her arm was drawn through the wringer to the elbow.

### GET 1925 AUTO PLATES

**Car Owners Warned to Apply for Licenses.**

The 1924 automobile registrations expire December 31 and new plates must be on all cars on January first. Charles A. Harnett, New York state motor vehicle commissioner, has issued a warning that all automobile owners and operators driving with 1925 plates before January first will be subject to arrest by state and local police and motor vehicle inspectors.

The last few days are expected to see a rush on the county clerk's office in Delhi for the plates.

In former years extensions have been granted so that plates of the previous year could be used for several days in January of the new year. Commissioner Harnett under no circumstances will extend the time this year, for plates have been ready in time to give everyone a reasonable opportunity to comply with the law.

### CO. F AT INAUGURATION

**Tenth Regiment Will Act as Guard to Governor Smith.**

All arrangements have been completed for the inauguration of Governor Alfred E. Smith, at the state capitol on New Year's day. The proceedings will be broadcast, enabling tens of thousands to listen in. In accommodating others who may be in Albany, but unable to gain admittance to the assembly chamber, where the ceremony will be held, amplifiers will be placed in the senate chamber, as well as in front of the capitol itself.

State troopers will serve as ushers. The chair used by DeWitt Clinton while, governor a century or so ago, and which has been in the state museum for the past eighty years, will be occupied by Governor Smith on the inaugural platform.

A military parade will precede the inaugural ceremony. The governor and his military staff will review the parade as it passes the executive mansion. The inaugural ceremony will get under headway at 11:15 o'clock, when the retiring secretary of state, James A. Hamilton, of New York city, will introduce Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, of Syracuse, the new secretary of state, who in her official capacity, will be in charge of the program. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the guns stationed in front of the capitol will boom forth the governor's salute.

Company F of Walton and the other units of the Tenth Infantry will act as a guard of honor to the governor. The local guardsmen will leave Walton Wednesday afternoon, December 31st.